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To: Gen. W. Many Penny
From: M. L. Martin

Washington March 10, 1854

Hon. Gen. W. Many Penny
Com. Indian Affairs

Sir,

The Legislature of Wisconsin has chartered two Rail Road companies, one running due West from Green Bay to the St. Croix River, another commencing at the same point and running in a South Westward direction to Madison. Both of the companies have been duly organized and are making preparations to conserve the construction of the roads. On the Green Bay or Mississippi road (being the friends of the above mentioned,) a couple of engineers has been over the grounds making preliminary surveys and the chiefs reports the most predictable route to be due west from Green Bay. By reference to the map in your office you will preview that this line directly runs through the Oneida Reservation. The most feasible route for the Green Bay and Madison Road, well it is believed, to run a part of the distance at lease through the same Indian Reservation. In ordinary cases, the charter of the company provisions the means of acquiring the right of way , but I know no method of procuring it in this instance except by treaty made in and ratified by the Senate.

These enterprises both of great importance of the northern portion of the State, will meet with serious obstacles in their prosecution, if they take a different route, to avoid crossing this reason. As the agent of both companies, I propose that the proper office be authorized to hold a convention with the Oneidas. For the purpose of procuring an excess of the necessary road way and depot grounds for other companies, they defraying all expenses occasioned by this application, in holding the council, making compensation to that Indians . Should this able request meet with your approval . I hope to have instructions immediately sent to the Indian Agent as it is highly important to have the action of the Senate at its present session. Instead of delaying a whole year before the arrangements can be consummated and the roads commenced.

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
your obedient servant.
M. L. Martin

Washington Dec. 10. 1854.

Hon. Geo. W. Murray

Care of Mr. Webb.

Sir,

The Legislature of Wisconsin has chartered the Rice River Company, and naming the Mills from Green Bay to the Point River, another company at the same point and naming it a Southwestern Wisconsin Company. Both of the companies have been fully organized and are making preparations to commence the construction of the roads. On the Green Bay to Milwaukee road (by the Falls above mentioned,) a school of Engineering has been opened to ground making for mining surveys &

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son. But of the same name have been
only organized and are making preparation to
commence the construction of the road. On
the Green Bay & Milwaukee road (by the Falls
then mentioned), a corps of Engineers has been
sent to ground making for surveying purposes &
the chief report the most practicable route
to be the line with Green Bay. By
reference to the maps in your office you
will perceive that the line runs directly
through the Green River. The most
practicable route for the Green Bay and
Madison Road, with it is the line, as
found to run a part of the distance as

Keep the 'the same' Reviewer's Recommendations.

In ordinary cases, the character of the comments being given is the ~~majority~~ majority regarding the right of way, but I Review no method of financing it in this instance except by local taxes made in form - authorized by the Senate.

There is also provision of great importance to the middle portion of the tract, will not omit to show obstacles in the provision, if

~~the~~ provision to take a circumstances into account to arrive at settling the Review. As the object of both commissions, I propose that the provision shall be authorized to hold a conference with the Review, for the

with various orders in the prosecution, and
~~the~~ ~~to~~ follow to take a similar route, ~~for~~
~~to~~ avoid evading the Bureau. As its
agent of last concerns, I presume that
the proper office & authority to be
in con- form with the rules, for the
purpose of prosecuting a violation of the
necessary laws and orders - ~~and~~ for
the Bureau, they defraying all expenses
incurred by this application, in order
to comply, making con- form with the re-
quirements. Should this ~~be~~ possible request
meet with your approval. I hope to hear
in due time immediately look to the Bureau
agents, as it is highly important to have

the action of the Senate and its present
Session, instead of delaying a whole year
before the ~~arrangements~~ can be consummated
or the roads commenced.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours
Wm. S. Markins